



**CAMBUSLANG**  
Community Council

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**of Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2020**  
**Cambuslang Institute 7.30-9.00pm**

**Present**

Michelle Farmer, Vice-Chair  
David Porter, Secretary  
David Thomson  
Dave Sutton  
Stewart Walker

Clare Williamson  
Suzy Quinn  
Alison Park FoHWCP  
Jean Austen  
Mark Lauterburg

**In Attendance**

PC Thomas McEwan (Police Scotland)  
Tara Cowley, Strutt & Parker Co.  
Dilip Awtani, Jahama Group

Siobhan Davitt, ADP  
Morven Last, Minutes Secretary  
Elizabeth Allan, Resident

**Apologies**

John Bachtler, Chair  
Brian Fisher, Treasurer  
Hilda Allison  
Bobby Allison  
Donald McDonald  
Jacqueline Smyth  
Amy Davison

Cllr Margaret Walker  
Cllr John Bradley  
Cllr Ann LeBlond  
Clare Haughey MSP  
James Kelly MSP  
PC Paul Patterson (Police Scotland)  
Gerald Boyd, Resident  
Phyllis Boyd, Resident

**1. Welcome**

The Vice-Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Project Team involved in the Clydebridge Works site development for their attendance.

**2. Apologies**

Noted above.

**3. Minutes of Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020**

Corrections to the Minutes – None.

Approval of the Minutes was proposed by S Walker and seconded by D Thomson.

**4. Matters arising**

**a) VE75 Celebration: Update**

S Walker reported that further preparations are being made for the VE75 celebration on the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2020. These include receiving a donation from Tesco Bank Armed Force Service covering the costs of hiring the Cambuslang Institute.

There will be singers on the day and Tunnocks Biscuits Ltd. will supply tea and coffee for the Big Brew. From the local community, the Credit Union, Citizens' Advice, and Police Scotland will be represented at the event.

**b) Main Street Parking review/survey consultation**

M Farmer provided the following report:

- At the last SLC meeting with SLC Economic Development Manager Ian Ross, he requested feedback evidence for the Temporary Traffic Order (TTO) experiment – CCC agreed to conduct a survey.
- The Secretary sent all CCC members a copy of the analysis by email yesterday.
- This was an on-line survey via Survey Monkey which took place over 6 days from 30 Jan-4 Feb 2020.
- 2 surveys were undertaken: business survey and community residents survey
- Business Survey - 28/74 responses, 75% responded the TTO was successful, 18% do not & 7% don't know
- Community Survey – 205 responses, 47% of the responses responded that it was successful, 28% do not & 25% don't know
- Based on these results, CCC has recommended that the provision for 2hr parking continues on the Main Street
- The Chair sent the analysis to Ian Ross, SLC, on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2020. CCC has not received a response as yet

**c) Residents' Parking Permit Zone (RPPZ): SLC current intentions**

D Porter provided the following report.

At the SLC Community and Enterprise Resources Committee Meeting on 4th February 2020, a Report by the Executive Director, Community and Enterprise Resources on Residents' Parking Permit Zones (RPPZs) was discussed.

The Report stated that funding of £800,000 has been secured from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport to go towards new Park & Ride on Bridge Street. The proposed site has been acquired with this funding and the development is now underway. It is anticipated that all works will be completed during the 2020/2021 financial year.

The Committee noted that the majority of respondents responding to the consultation disagreed with the need for an RPPZ in central Cambuslang and has concluded that this option should be dropped. Instead, solutions are to be brought forward to ensure that those residential areas unduly affected by on street parking near Cambuslang Station are considered for appropriate demand management measures in the form of waiting restrictions.

Officers will review the known problem areas with a view to bringing forward localised restrictions that could assist in managing the competing demands for parking. This approach may displace commuters to other locations, but this

should not present a problem. Any such proposals would be formally consulted upon via the Traffic Regulation Order process.

The Chair wrote to the Committee the day before the meeting proposing that a overall comprehensive parking strategy was needed for Cambuslang, not piecemeal measures; and recommended that a 'Working Group' on this be set up including representatives from CCC. Cllr Margaret Walker emailed JB the following day to state that SLC will be in contact with us to discuss a localised strategy.

#### **d) National Planning Framework 4 Consultation etc – Update on draft CCC response**

D Sutton reported that the Scottish Government is consulting on the National Planning Framework until the end of March 2020. Various meetings will be held in Glasgow over the next two months.

The issue of the Scottish Planning Standards was raised. D Sutton expressed concern that all new housing should be on a more generous scale than is currently the practice in Scotland whose standards are amongst the lowest in Europe.

D Sutton attended a number of meetings aimed at establishing federations of community councils that respond to planning aspects within the councils to try to achieve a more organised system such as having more documents available online. L Hepworth from Halfway CC has been coordinating this from the perspective of South Lanarkshire CCs.

D Sutton suggested supporting other CCs regarding their concerns with the Local Development Plan.

## **5. Police Report**

PC McEwan provided the following report:

- There have been some changes to the local Police Force in order to increase the visibility of police officers in the streets. One of these changes is that every police officer now has an electronic notebook which reduces their paperwork and their need to be in an office.
- An unmarked vehicle has been purchased for police use in the area which hopefully will improve policing effectiveness and act as a deterrent to potential offenders.
- A notable improvement in offending behaviour has been seen in the area, partly due to the imprisonment of 4 regular perpetrators.
- Shoplifting crimes have decreased although vehicle thefts are still common and members of the community are advised to keep their doors locked as much as possible.

- Operation Forward, a Lanarkshire anti-drug team based in the former Police Station on Greenlees Road is set to expand due to its high level of success.

## **Committee Business**

### **6. Chair's Correspondence**

M Farmer noted that the Chair has had the following correspondence:

- 1) CCC's response to Residents' Parking Permit Zone Consultation (see item 4c).

- 2) **Events - Clydesmill Fire Station's Community Garden**

Two exciting things happening at Clydesmill Fire Station's Community Garden over next few weeks:

An orchard planting day on Saturday 22nd February, 11am to 2pm, free lunch and outdoor activities as well as planting trees. All welcome, just turn up on the day.

A series of learning to grow workshops at Clydesmill Fire Station on Monday evenings, starting on Monday 24th February 3:30pm to 5pm. To join please just sign up via the facebook group Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/491545928456513/>

**Action: Post information source on social media (JB & DT):**

### **7. Secretary's Report**

D Porter presented the following Secretary's Report:

- 1) Planning Applications for period 20 Jan 2020 to 14 Feb 2020 (from weekly notifications): For domestic premises: 4 applications for changes/extensions to houses; and 1 for commercial developments.
  - a) Application P/20/0063 – Change of use from a vacant unit (Class 1) to a restaurant (Class 3) with hot food takeaway and external alterations at 43 Main Street. (The Flaming Chicken Co.)

**Action: None**

- 2) Marches/Parades: None notified :

**Action: None**

- 3) Consultations/Surveys:

- a) *Main Street Parking Time Consultation*. Discussion covered under item 4 b) of the Agenda
- b) *Focus Groups: Community Strategy in SL*. HnH is organising events around SLC's new community Engagement Strategy to receive guidance and feedback as this strategy is being developed.

Action: M Farmer & D Porter will attend event in CI on AM of 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

- c) *SLC Paper on Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Trial*. It is proposed to install 200 fast-charging points at 37 locations throughout SL. No specific sites mentioned.

Action: Contact SLC and express Cambuslang West's (Ward 13) keenness to participate in this trial.

## 8. Treasurer's Report

D Porter read the following Treasurer's Report in the absence of B Fisher:

Current and pending transactions for all four CCC Bank Accounts since the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 meeting.

| Account             | Jan. 2020 Balance | Statement date | Feb. 2020 Balance | Statement date |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| CCC Main Account    | £2,779.83         | 31.12.19       | £2,679.83         | 31.01.20       |
| Cambuslang in Bloom | £2,330.82         | 01.11.19       | £2,330.82         | 01.11.19       |
| F of Holmhills WCP  | £159.79           | 01.08.19       | £359.79           | 31.01.20       |
| Micro Grant         | £3,700.00         | 20.12.19       | £1,950.00         | 20.01.20       |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>£8,970.44</b>  |                | <b>£7,320.44</b>  |                |

### Last month's transactions:-

- **Main Account** - Cheque no. 524 for £150 cashed by M Last re Minute taking
- £50 paid in from C Williamson and M Lauterburg re donation to the Rutherglen/Cambuslang Foodbank
- **FHWCP** - Cheque for £200 cashed received from the Micro Grant
- **M. G. Account** - Another 7 of the 19 cheques issued have been cashed totalling £1,750

### Pending transactions:-

- **Main Account** - Cheque no. 519 to J Bachtler for £31.68 re stands for CF newsletters & coffees re Peter Brownlie Football Pitches
- **M. G. Account**- 6 cheques still to be cashed for a total of £1,950

## Items for Discussion

### 9. Cambuslang Future Sub-Group:

- **Town Centre Fund: streetscape implementation update**

The following summary was presented by C Williamson

A meeting with representatives from SLC, DWA Landscape Architects and Cambuslang Future took place on 23rd January 2020.

DWA confirmed they had carried out the planned business consultation and the response from business owners was generally very positive. The three main issues raised were: parking, broken paving and commercial waste.

DWA also presented the first draft of design plans for the street showing the proposed new layout and street furniture. Samples of the granite slabs in locally sourced Whin stone were also provided. The plans are available to view on the CCC's website.

A public consultation took place in Cambuslang Gate on Saturday 27th and Monday 29th January 2020. Approximately 30 attended on the Saturday and 60 on the Monday. The main priorities for the general public was to have a safe, non-slip surface and to ensure that the street furniture is robust and vandal proof. There was no outright preference about the type of design - traditional or contemporary - however the balance of opinion was for a more straightforward, modern design with less clutter.

The removal of waste bins from the street was a big issue and one which CF will continue to work with SLC to resolve.

The Cambuslang Future Group has had two further meetings (one with DWA) and has made a number of suggestions and improvements.

Plans are to be finalised this week to allow SLC to put the job out to tender using a defined framework, a process which takes approx. 4 weeks.

### 10. Proposed Hotel & Leisure Centre Development on site of Clydebridge Works

- **Project Overview** – presented by the Project Development Team

D Awtani gave an overview of the background of his Company, the Jahama Group and stated that 120 acres of land around the proposed development site in Cambuslang is owned by the Company. They are looking to revitalise this land by creating a high-quality hotel and leisure centre. The intention is to attract visitors, business groups and local residents to use the first-class facilities which will be available.

The Project Team conducted a pre-planning application enquiry to see if SLC would support such a project. The initial response from SLC has been positive with advice given on specific technical needs such as transport and air quality.

Maps were shown of the proposed hotel, including a plan which would incorporate the river into the landscape of the hotel. The facilities such as the gym and restaurant will be run by operators of other companies.

- **Q&A on impact on Cambuslang and Clyde Cycle Park project**

The question was raised on whether an environmental impact survey has been conducted. It was stated that a full survey is not required as per SLC, however technical assessments such as flood risks, traffic impact and noise pollution will be conducted.

It was noted that a public exhibition on large scale boards will take place over 2 days; on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 at 11.30am-4.30pm and on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 2pm-8pm in the Cambuslang Institute.

## **Items for Report**

### **11. Parks**

- **Friends of Holmhill Wood Community Park Sub-Group**

A Park provided the following report:

- The first two Pond Surveys this year show good biodiversity. The next Pond Survey is Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and is open to all. Frogs have been seen already and may add further excitement on the day, and in next few weeks.
- Some volunteers recently spent a less enjoyable morning at the ponds removing several bin bags of invasive plant *Crassula helmsii* and intend to return when the weather is dryer.
- The next Planning Meeting is on Thursday 20 February 2020 at 7-8.30pm at Whitlawburn Resource Centre. There volunteers will decide on the next steps for spending the £200 Micro Grant which is short of £500. Two metal mushroom seats were requested. The sub-group will be considering alternative cheaper metal seat options alongside making new grant applications.

Friends of Holmhill Park welcomes new volunteers to support future events, practical & admin tasks and join in discussions for future developments.

For more information check on their Facebook page.

([www.facebook.com/holmhillspark](http://www.facebook.com/holmhillspark)) or Email ([holmhillspark@yahoo.com](mailto:holmhillspark@yahoo.com)).

## 12. Town Greening Projects

- **Cambuslang in Bloom Sub-Group**

There was no report.

## 13. Any Other Business

- a) M Lauterburg noted that he has been speaking to a private individual regarding access to cash. He has spoken to Link, the network controller of ATMS who are looking to work with several communities where access to cash is an issue. It was seen as an option to work with Which Magazine to highlight and publicise the issue. It was agreed that M Lauterburg will put Cambuslang forward to be a pilot in this access to cash project.

**Action: M Lauterburg to apply to this project before 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020 deadline.**

- b) It was mentioned that 18 new flats on Hamilton Road are now at the start of the construction phase.
- c) M Farmer mentioned that one of the Micro Grant Award winners is moving post and is therefore unable to carry out the project. The award was issued to CLD worker, Charlotte Hamilton at Universal Connections to fund a Dance and Exercise activity. It was agreed that the Micro Grant Award of £100 should be returned and the sub-group members will meet to re-allocate the funds asap.
- d) M Farmer mentioned that there will be a meeting held in the Cambuslang Institute 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 from 10-12am regarding the new SLC new Community Engagement Strategy. This is being hosted by SLC Community Engagement and Participation Team. It was noted that some issues with the partnership with SLC Economic & Development should be raised.
- e) Clare Haughey MSP sent an update on her activities etc pertinent to Cambuslang West residents. This is attached as Appendix 1.

The Vice-Chair closed the meeting and thanked everyone for their attendance.

**The next CCC Meeting will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in  
Cambuslang Institute, Greenlees Road at 7.30pm.**



## **Appendix 1: Report from Clare Haughey, MSP**

### Main Street Proposals

On the 25<sup>th</sup> January, I had the pleasure of attending the Community Council's consultation event on the plans to improve Cambuslang Main Street.

In March 2019, I wrote to South Lanarkshire Council advocating that a share of the Town Centre Fund – a Scottish Government funded scheme to boost town centres – be spent in Cambuslang, so I am delighted the Community Council were awarded £620,000 from it.

The proposals were really exciting, and I look forward to seeing the work progress in the near future.

### Autism-friendly swimming sessions at Eastfield Lifestyle Leisure Centre

Over the past year, I have been working with a number of community partners – local charity REACH Lanarkshire Autism, and Clydebridge-based company Tillicoultry Quarries and Eastfield Leisure Centre – to introduce new autism-friendly swimming sessions at the leisure centre to benefit local autistic children and their families.

Many people with autism can find it difficult to cope in noisy or busy environments, potentially putting them off doing activities that they enjoy. However, making small adjustments, like turning down music, can help ensure a sensory-friendly environment. Through my working relationship with Tillicoultry Quarries, they agreed to pay for all staff at the centre to be trained in how to create such an environment.

After several months of work, the autism-friendly sessions are now available at Eastfield Lifestyle Leisure Centre. The sessions for children with autism and their families, which are closed to the rest of the public, take place on Saturdays between 5pm and 6pm – and cost £8.45 for a family.

To find out more, or to book your place, contact Alison Dorrans at Lifestyle Eastfield on 0141 642 9500 or at [Alison.dorrans@southlanarkshireleisure.co.uk](mailto:Alison.dorrans@southlanarkshireleisure.co.uk). Feel free to share these details with anyone you know who may benefit.

### Surgery

A reminder that my monthly Cambuslang surgery will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 10:30am – in the CTEC Building. This is a recurring surgery which takes place in the same venue, at the same time, on every fourth Friday of the month.

This regular surgery is in addition to pop-up surgeries, street surgeries, other appointments in my constituency office, and home visits on request.

## Parliament

### **Scottish Government budget**

The major topic at Parliament over the last few weeks – and for the coming months too – is the Scottish Government Budget. The Budget is still in a draft form and is subject to negotiations with other parties prior to further debate and vote. The Budget is having to be crafted without a UK Budget yet published.

### **Government Bills**

Over the last month, I was delighted to vote for two very important Bills which will now become law – the Scottish National Investment Bank Bill and the Non-Domestic Rates Bill.

Regarding the latter, there were fears that an amendment passed at an earlier legislative stage would have in effect ended business rates relief, including the Small Business Bonus which benefits many local businesses in Cambuslang.

Around 4,450 businesses in South Lanarkshire benefit from concessions like the Small Business Bonus, but due to an amendment tabled to the Bill this would immediately have been scrapped. Thankfully, the amendment was removed at the final vote.